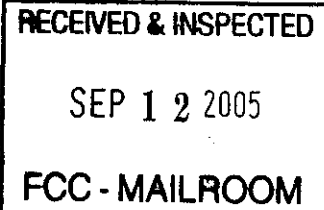


ROYCE S. ASLAKSON  
CEO / General Manager



September 1, 2005

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communication Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Rm. TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: USF Certification - FCC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 96-45 is an affidavit certifying that all Universal Service Support will only be used by Reservation Telephone Cooperative for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Reservation Telephone Cooperative has also filed this affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and the Montana Public Service Commission. It is anticipated that they will also certify by October 1, 2005, that Reservation Telephone Cooperative will only use said Universal Service Support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2005, Reservation Telephone Cooperative is also providing certification directly to the Federal Communication Commission to ensure that Reservation Telephone Cooperative continues to receive the Universal Service Support for which we are eligible.

Sincerely,

Royce S. Aslakson, CEO/General Manager  
RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

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ROYCE S. ASLAKSON  
CEO / General Manager

September 1, 2005

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capital  
600 E Blvd. Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: USF Certification – Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 and PU-439-02-441

Dear Commission:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's order of August 28, 2002, in the above referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all Universal Service support will only be used by Reservation Telephone Cooperative for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, Reservation Telephone Cooperative is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Royce S. Aslakson, CEO/General Manager

RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

RSA/dmw

**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO.  
PU-439-02-441  
AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN DOCKET  
NO.96-45**

**AFFIDAVIT OF RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE  
REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL  
SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota        )  
  ss.  
County of Mountrail         )

Royce S. Aslakson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Reservation Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of CEO/General Manager.

2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.

4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU- 439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2006, and for all quarters thereafter.

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2006 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F. .R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F .R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the

public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2005.

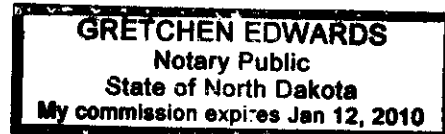
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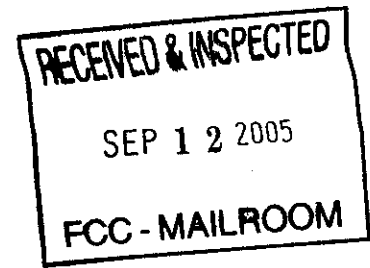
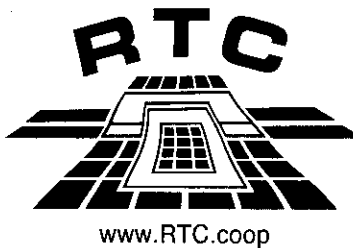
By Royce S. Aslakson  
Royce S. Aslakson Its:  
CEO/General Manager

State of North Dakota     )  
  ss.  
County of Mountrail        )

On this 1st day of September, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ROYCE S. ASLAKSON, known to me to be the CEO/General Manager of RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Gretchen Edwards  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_





ROYCE S. ASLAKSON  
CEO / General Manager

September 1, 2005

Mr. Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Montana Public Service Commission  
PO Box 202601  
Helena, MT 59620-2601

RE: Montana PSC 2005 ETC certification to the FCC for 2006 Federal Universal Service Support, PSC Docket No. N2005.8.118

Dear Mr. Rowe:

Enclosed is the data requested from Reservation Telephone Cooperative for the Montana PSC 2005 ETC certification to the FCC for 2006 Federal Universal Service Support. Reservation Telephone Cooperative is an incumbent rural telephone company serving 25 Montana subscribers in Richland and Wibaux counties in a small area on the North Dakota/East Central Montana border. The NECA study area code for the Squaw Gap exchange (406) 569 NPA-NXX is 381632.

I have executed an affidavit certifying that Reservation Telephone Cooperative has used all funds received for 2004, and received and yet to be received in 2005, for the intended Universal Service purposes. In addition, Reservation Telephone Cooperative will be using all federal Universal Service funds received in 2006 only for the intended purposes.

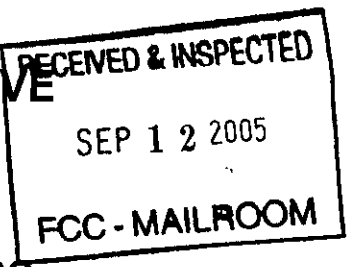
We respectfully request that the Montana Public Service Commission provide the necessary 2005 certification to the FCC and USAC so as to permit the continued receipt of Federal Universal Service Support by Reservation Telephone Cooperative in 2006. Questions concerning this certification should be directed to Royce S. Aslakson, CEO/General Manager, Reservation Telephone Cooperative, Box 68, Parshall, ND 58770. Mr. Aslakson may be reached by phone 701-862-3115 or fax 701-862-3008 or e-mail [royce@RTC.coop](mailto:royce@RTC.coop)

Sincerely,

Royce S. Aslakson, CEO/General Manager  
RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

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**RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE  
AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS**

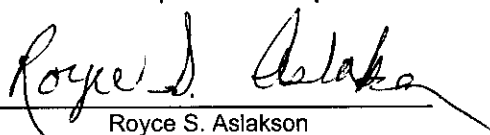


**Montana PSC 2005 ETC Certification to the FCC  
for 2006 Federal Universal Service Support**

I, Royce S. Aslakson, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath state that I am the CEO/General Manager of Reservation Telephone Cooperative and that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company and the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Pursuant to the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. §54.314, there must be an annual certification that funds received under the federal Universal Service Fund programs will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The Company hereby certifies to the Montana Public Service Commission that pursuant to 47 C.F. R. §54.7 and for purposes of the Montana Public Service Commission certification required under 47 C.F.R. §54.314, the Company will use all federal high-cost support provided to it only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended consistent with the principles of Universal Service set forth in 47 USC 254, including but not limited to, the provision of services that are properly supported by the high-cost funds at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas.

DATED this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of September, 2005.

Reservation Telephone Cooperative

By:   
Royce S. Aslakson

Its: CEO/General Manager

State of North Dakota       )  
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On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ROYCE S. ASLAKSON, known to me to be the CEO/General Manager of RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

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